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West Virginia First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin on Monday May 2, 2011 announced a new initiative aimed at supporting and providing assistance to military families.

"Serve West Virginia Military: Serving Those Who Serve Us," was launched in conjunction with first lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden's nationwide "Joining Forces" initiative aimed at helping the families of those serving overseas.

Serve West Virginia Military is aimed at involving grass roots and community organizations in providing assistance to the state's military families.

"One of the best things we can do is give back to military families," Tomblin said, "and that is what Serve West Virginia will do." The project's website, www.serve.wv.gov, also went online Monday. Tomblin said each month she'll announce a new theme on the website offering suggestions of how individuals can lend their support.

May's theme is showing appreciation to military spouses.

West Virginia's Promise-The Alliance for Youth Statewide Director Pam Dugan is one of the many members serving on the committee to assist with the First Lady's goals. VISTA members will serve towards providing assistance to military families through developing and expanding events, programs, outreach to fulfill the Serve WV Military goal.

Left to Right: Tammy Kruse AmeriCorps Promise VISTA Leader serving at Youth Services System, Inc. in Wheeling WV, Ashley Way WE CAN Program Coordinator with Children's Home Society of Parkersburg, Missy Storey AmeriCorps Promise VISTA serving at Children's Home Society of Parkersburg, Shelley Plauche' Regional Director Children's Home Society of Parkersburg, and Pam Dugan Statewide Director WV's Promise





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